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WASLENS

THE PARK

STREET

May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Miss Mason

I am wanting to join  
an instructive course of reading,  
as having left school some  
time ago, & being at home, I find  
I have a good deal of leisure time  
at my disposal, which I am  
anxious to occupy usefully.  
My friend, M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson, who  
is at present taking your "Mother's

PNEUMONIA

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"Education Course" has been telling me about it, & advised me to write to you, & ask you if you thought I could take a similar course. Naturally the name rather hinders girls from joining, but as M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson has pointed out to me, all the various subjects taken up are useful to girls leaving school. I am nearly twenty; I matriculated when I was eighteen, & since then I have quite dropped my studying, but thought I should like to take up some part again.

I hope you will not mind my writing to ask your advice, I should be very much obliged if you could help me. My Mother is a member of the P. N. E. U.

Yours sincerely  
Helen M. Goddard



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Dear Miss Mason

In forwarding  
to you these attempts  
at answer questions  
received last December,  
please allow me to  
thank you very sincerely  
once again for your  
great love & suffering  
exercised towards my  
erratic procedure. I  
fear it must often  
have inconvenienced

you. allow me to  
express once again my  
deep gratitude to you  
for the fresh interests  
you have opened up  
to me, and the many  
fascinating books you  
have introduced me to.

With kind regards

yours gratefully  
Constance E. Cole

Dear Mr. Cole

Thank you for  
 your kind note -  
 Let me say that  
 you also go out  
 with his person in  
 a good place  
 I am most glad that you  
 will be happy

With best regards  
 to you  
 and in love



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Le Val Fleuri.

Sinan.

Côtes du Nord.

Feb: 24. 05. France.

Madaen. I have heard  
that in connection with  
the P. N. E. U. you have  
a Mothers' Education Course,  
I should much like to join  
but shall be abroad for  
at least the next six  
months; would it be possible  
for me to go through the

Course out here. What  
 should I do about the  
 books? If you think  
 this possible kindly send  
 me all particulars, when  
 I will become a member  
 of the Union. I find your  
 Magazine most interesting,  
 and shall be ~~very glad~~  
 to learn more about the

principles & objects of  
 the Union. Apologizing  
 for the trouble I am giving  
 you. Believe me

Yrs. truly  
 Francis Trumble.



Hardwick Hill

Seymour Mass. June 18<sup>th</sup> 15.

Dear Miss Mason

While thanking

you very much

for the report

you have kindly

sent me, I must



take the opportunity  
 of thanking you  
 still more for the  
 help you have  
 given me in the  
 Parents Revised School  
 & the Mother's Educational

course. I always hoped  
 to teach my little girl  
 myself but living quite  
 in the country I had  
 great difficulty in hearing  
 of good books & methods.  
 Your plan quite helps  
 me to do so by getting the  
 books & the accounts to

be accepted & give a great  
stimulus to the child in  
the desire to have the work  
ready for the exam. I  
also find the M. S. C. a great  
help to steady reading & the  
Exams are useful in showing  
one, ones ignorance, & helping  
to make clear & definite  
what one does know.

Altogether I feel very  
grateful & hope to be profitable  
for Union for a long time to come  
Yours Truly M. Thomsen



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Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thank you very much for  
your letter re information as to the mother's  
(Educational)  
~~Reading~~ Course. I could not acknowledge  
it at once as our elder son had entered  
& we could get no trained nurse to help  
with the nursing. He is quite well again  
now I am thankful to say. I fear I have  
not laid your letter but I remember  
that you did not want letters until  
after the middle of September.

I remember your family quite  
well, but your mother most especially,  
I was so glad to hear from you.

I sent for the books for the first year's reading at once, & have been able to read several already. They are most helpful & interesting. My husband quite agrees with me that I ought not to undervalue the examinations as I fear I should be tempted to neglect my other work which we think ought to stand first. But I hope to do the appointed reading, & if Miss Mason would allow me to see the Examination Papers without forgetting them, it would be a real help, enabling me to see the standard aimed at.

Your work must be most interesting!

I always pass on 'The Parents' Review' Miss Mason's books whenever the chance occurs - no parent stays in our house without finding one of the above books in the visitors' room, & it frequently leads to a talk on the training etc. of children. We shall be returning to Lahore at the end of October - my husband is there now.

With kind regards,

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Violet Wigram

Lahore address -

S. John's College

Lahore.



TELEGRAMS, BARNACK.

What about Miss  
Parrish? Please deal  
with this C.P. (H.M.)

UFFORD HALL,  
STAMFORD.

Nov: 24:

Dear Miss Mason

It was with great  
pleasure I saw your  
handwriting this morning  
Since my boys have grown  
up I have heard little  
of the work of the P.H. & U.  
We left Wimbledon

six years ago & the  
above is now our per-  
manent address.

Please do anything you  
like with my papers - I  
often feel grateful to  
the Moscow Education  
Course - I am sure it  
taught me a great

deal

If you have a Report to  
spare, it is not giving  
you too much trouble I  
should so much like to  
see it & know what the  
Union is doing.

Believe me

Yours sincerely  
Blakie Volynsk. Whitmore



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House -  
5th Nov.

Dear Miss Massa -

I am sorry that I cannot  
do the examination for the  
mother's educational course  
this half year, as I was  
away from home nearly  
all summer nursing my  
mother who was ill; and  
now I myself am confined  
to bed as I had another  
little son a few days ago.  
I shall hope to do the  
examination in Jan -

I am, Yours Sincerely  
John C. Bond -

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To Mess C. M. Malou -  
House of Education  
Albany  
Infillia



children, from say 3 to  
6 years old. It is  
with children of this  
age that I am suggesting  
the paper should deal, &  
I feel sure that to  
many young parents  
the first beginnings  
are a very great  
difficulty, & for  
lack of advice &

teaching themselves in  
the matter, the  
vital training from  
3 to 6, - or say 2 to 6  
in holy things is

carried on in a very  
hap-hazard way,

While they hardly know  
to whom to go for advice  
even

if reserve were sufficiently  
shaken off to do so.

I do feel this to be a  
very real need, & it  
need involve no  
denominational difficulties  
at all.

I wonder if you would  
let me put the enclosed  
little letter in the P. R. for  
next month? It would

make no difference  
to conference discussion



& might even help to  
draw members towards the  
consideration of the subject.  
By the time members come  
forward as leaders in  
the work of the Union,  
they have perhaps most  
of them got beyond  
& forgotten these early  
difficulties & their

Minds are concentrated  
on their older boys &  
girls, so the young



Mothers in the background  
 Keep their difficulties to  
 themselves & come through  
 them as best they can!

Please forgive me for  
 writing so much, - it is  
 a subject I have much  
 at heart

I am

Yours truly

Florence Fremantle

Another most interesting  
 point for consideration

would be what general  
plan of Bible lessons to  
adopt first for little ones,  
- whether for instance to  
take Bible stories more  
or less in Bible order,  
or whether to take subjects  
such as obedience, love  
etc illustrated by a series  
of appropriate stories as  
is done in Miss Palmer's  
delightful book of  
Bible lessons for very young  
children.



Lovell

Kenley, Surrey

April 30<sup>th</sup>  
1901.

Dear Madam.

I have not yet  
received my 6<sup>th</sup>  
examination paper  
for the Mothers'  
Educational Course  
due last December.

My reading has been  
much interrupted  
by illness & family  
duties, but I should  
very much like to  
complete the  
examinations in  
Physiology - would  
you kindly send me

the paper to the  
address below

Yours truly  
Edith A. Williams.

Mr. A. H. Williams.

De Vere Hotel  
London. W.



Bella Vista

3 Clifton Road  
Winchester

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Madam -

I received your  
kind letter, and am glad  
to know I can join the  
M. E. C. at once.

I enclose **21/-** in Postal  
Orders & stamps to cover  
entrance fee, and I shall  
be quite impatient to have

further information as  
to what I am to do, and  
what books to order. -

My kindest thanks to Miss  
Mason <sup>the report</sup> and for  
her interest, -

& please say that my  
great regret is that I  
have not had the chance  
of joining before. -

At present we have  
whooping-cough in the  
house, but I trust it

will soon pass, and if  
afterwards I could be  
of any assistance to  
you in helping to form  
a branch here I should  
be delighted. -

With many thanks -

I am - dear Madam

Faithfully yours

Mary Jo hstone Rose.

I am sending 10/- for the  
yearly subscription to London  
according to directions



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much in for Bella visit  
much in for Bella visit  
let Dr. C. just what you want  
Clifton Road  
Twinechester

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 1900

Dear Madam -

Until three  
weeks ago I had never even  
heard of or seen the "Parents  
Review". The Brothers'  
Education Course seems to  
promise just the kind of  
help of which I stand  
in need, and I shall  
be very glad to receive

information as to how I  
am to join, and whether  
I could start work  
immediately. — My dear  
little girl is just over  
two years, and if possible  
I should like to fit myself  
for training her, and some  
other little friends of  
which I am to have charge.  
Before my marriage, I  
had some experience in  
teaching, but latterly I

took up music specially,  
dropping other subjects.  
At present I am one of  
the music-teachers at  
"West Downs" (though only  
for a short time daily. 1 hour.)  
My husband is also one  
of Mr. Helbert's staff,  
and there also I have  
made the acquaintance  
of Miss J. Rankine, a  
teacher whom you know  
very well. — I must, however,



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crave pardon for this  
lengthy discussion on  
personal affairs - and  
tell you how grateful  
I shall be to be assisted  
in the right direction  
for training these little  
ones who are such a  
beautiful & sacred charge.

Yours sincerely

Mary Johnstone Rose.

LOVELL,  
KENLEY, SURREY.

M. E. C. July 26<sup>th</sup>/900.

Dear Madam.

I much regret  
that owing to  
illness I have  
been unable to  
send in my  
Examination paper



for the 1<sup>st</sup>. half year it is in when it  
 & am afraid I 22. June.

cannot now complete Yours faithfully  
 it before the House Edith A. Williams.  
 of Education closes  
 on August 1<sup>st</sup>. but  
 I hope to send  
 (Mrs. A. W. —)



MS. A. 158 pneu 29

Endicott Crescent  
Sheffield

5 me

Aug: 13<sup>th</sup> 1900

Dear Miss Mason,

I enclose my exam:  
paper for the M. E. C. due  
last June, and shall be  
obliged if you will kindly  
let me have the list of  
books for the third year's  
Divinity reading.

I am

yours sincerely  
Constance E. Cole



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The Cottages -

Whitfield -

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Dover -

Dear Madam,

I have lately  
become a Member of P. R. & L.  
& should like, if I can  
manage it to join the  
Brothers' Educational Course.  
Will you be kind enough  
to tell me, when would be  
the best time to begin, &  
also if I could & borrow

all the books required for  
the course from the P.R.E.U.  
Library? I do not feel able  
to go to the expense of buying  
books for it, & should therefore  
be glad to know before starting  
what the expense of the  
course would be, which I  
believe would be a great  
help to me in the training  
of my three little ones -

Believe me,

Yours truly,

Margaret E. Woodsfold -

Miss Charlotte Mason -



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60 Lonsdale Rd  
Barnes. S.W.  
Decr 3<sup>rd</sup> 1900.

My dear Miss Mason,

It is with much  
regret that I find it is  
impossible for me to finish  
the Mother's Educational  
Course. I had hoped that  
when we were settled in  
here that I should have  
had time to read steadily,

but owing to  
the war my  
husband has met with  
very serious losses in  
his business & I can see  
that for some years I  
shall have no time for  
steady reading. It is a  
great disappointment  
to me. The paper you  
have sent is very interesting  
& I could write answers  
to a large number of the  
questions from my own

experience & general reading  
but I have read scarcely  
any of the text books this  
year & therefore think it  
better not to attempt the  
paper. The course has  
been of much interest  
to me & I shall never  
regret having tried to take  
it although my circum-  
stances do not admit  
of my carrying it to  
its completion.  
~~successful issue~~.



Miss Gayford is still with me  
 & I hope she may be able to  
 stay with me - The children  
 are very fond of her & are  
 I feel developing oatis  
 factonly under her guidance

With thanks

I am

Yours very sincerely

Elizabeth Nichol.

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Overton House  
Cliff Terrace  
Aberystwith

20/4/00

My dearest Ethel,

I have been here since last Friday having taken some rooms at 10/0 a week near the college. Aberystwith is a quaint place populated almost entirely by young people of both sexes who are either Students or late Students at the college. It is so funny to hear the small children in the streets chattering in Welsh though they are all bi-lingual and so are quite at home in English too.



When I do not go up to the college I spend my time sketching or reading on the rocks. The journey here was rather expensive but living is pretty cheap. I can never be too grateful for having a little money of my <sup>own</sup> ~~mine~~. I do not know what I should do without it as travelling does mount up so and I do want to save a bit for future schemes. There are several old schoolfellows of mine here though none except Julia Abbott that I know very intimately. I saw an old school-mistress yesterday whom I have not seen for eight years nearly.

She left the school before I was 15. She is an M.A. of London. She was

very much interested in P.N.E.U. and in my nature note book and says she is thinking of starting a nature diary herself. The students here have an absolutely free life. I shall be sorry for some of them when they leave and have a hard life at school teaching for they are not prepared by any sort of discipline here. They come down in the morning any time before nine when breakfast which begins at 8 a.m. is cleared away. Then they go out to lectures and can cut a good many if they like and with a little discretion. They can go out alone and can ask friends in. There are studies between 6 or 8 and separate cubicles for those who pay



a little more can have private study bedrooms with a fire when they want it. Their work however is not nearly so varied and interesting as ours was and they are much more over-ridden by continual examinations. They have less training and more teaching than we had but what I should miss most of all is of course a personal influence and genius such as Miss Mason's. They live much more "en masse" than we did and I cannot help feeling that many of these girls though much cleverer than we were and more able to pass examinations and get degrees would not be at all fitted for the life of a governess. They know nothing of nature lore and things to interest little children and have not learnt what Miss Mason used to call the



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"art of living together". I am going to take some of them out for a nature walk next half holiday and they do not know the different trees or anything. Of course they are preparing for very different work and so the whole place is on different lines from Scale How. They do not seem to get such good profits as we do and altogether the more I see of other places the more I feel satisfied with Scale How. I saw my uncle

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He is writing a book on the  
teaching of mathematics to children  
up to 13 or 14 years of age. He  
showed me some of the manuscripts  
which will be helpful to me in  
teaching Margaret. I talk P. N. E. U  
here and have shown one of your  
papers to people just in case they  
might hear of anything being  
in an educational atmosphere  
They are all inclined to be interested.  
When you write tell me what you



19<sup>th</sup> June, 1900.

Dear Madam.

I have been quite  
unable, from illness  
and other causes, to do  
any reading for the  
Mother's Education Course.  
Intended writing to let  
you know before this,  
but we have just been

removing, and it  
escaped my memory  
at the time.

I see no prospect at home more than fully  
present, indeed for a occupied my time.  
couple of years, at any I will be much better  
rate, of doing anything for me to give it up,  
more than I have to much as I regret doing  
do just now. I thought so, & if when the child  
I saw my way clearly, you are more off my  
hands, I find I can make

when I entered my name,  
but other things, one of  
them a young baby.

have more than fully  
occupied my time.

couple of years, at any I will be much better  
rate, of doing anything for me to give it up,  
more than I have to much as I regret doing  
do just now. I thought so, & if when the child  
I saw my way clearly, you are more off my  
hands, I find I can make



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time for extra reading,  
I will do so then.

I am  
yours truly  
Annie H. Templeton.

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FREMANTLE WHEATLEY.  
STATION-WHEATLEY. C.W.R.

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HOLTON PARK,  
OXFORD.

Till May 6

14 Craven Hill Gardens  
Lancaster Gate  
W.

Jan 16. '01.

Dear Miss Mason

Forgive me for  
writing direct to you  
to suggest a subject  
for the Conference.

The nature of it

made me feel that



I should like to write  
straight to you about  
it. It is the  
religious training & teaching  
of very young children  
I say from 2 to 6 years old.  
I mean a paper  
dealing with such  
points as the following:  
- on what plan it

is desirable to present  
the Gospel story to little  
children & at what age  
or stage of development  
they should first hear  
of the death &  
resurrection of our  
Lord. - Then whether  
in teaching texts &  
hymns, parts of  
which are somewhat  
beyond the understanding



of the child, the  
dangers of formalism  
outweighs the advantage  
of the strong impression  
or memory made by very  
early teaching, or not.

#What age the child  
should join in public  
services, or in family  
prayers. - Religious  
books suitable for  
the very youngest



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FREMANTLE WHEATLEY.  
STATION-WHEATLEY. C.W.R.

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HOLTON PARK,  
OXFORD.

Unable to take examination

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